

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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26. (previously added) Forge-proof document comprising a security feature in the form of a perforation pattern which displays gray tones when viewed against a bright background, wherein the perforations are produced by a laser and wherein the document is manufactured from a material which transmits light to a limited extent, that at least some of the perforations forming part of the perforation pattern extend over only a part of the thickness of the document at the position of the perforation, and that the thickness of the remaining part of the document at the position of the perforation is modulated in accordance with the image to be displayed.
27. (previously added) Forge-proof document comprising a security feature in the form of a perforation pattern which displays gray tones when viewed against a bright background, wherein the perforations are produced by a laser and wherein at least some of the perforations forming part of the perforation pattern extend at an angle differing from 90° relative to the main plane of the document.
28. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 27 wherein the angle is modulated in order to obtain the image.
29. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 27 wherein the density or the diameter of the perforation is modulated in order to obtain the image.
30. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 26 wherein the perforation represents an image.

31. (previously added) ~~Forge-proof document comprising a security feature in the form of a perforation pattern which represents an image and which displays gray tones when viewed against a bright background wherein material is arranged in the perforations.~~

32. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 31 wherein the material is formed by ink which lights up under UV light.

33. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 31 wherein a vapor-deposited metal layer is arranged in the perforations.

34. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 31 wherein the document comprises differently colored material layers, wherein a color is visible depending on the depth of the perforation.

35. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 34 wherein the document is manufactured from plastic laminate and that the core layer has a color differing from the other layers.

36. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 31 wherein the perforation pattern is further provided with perforations modulated in density or size.

37. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 31 wherein the perforation pattern is provided locally with a perforation pattern differing from the rest of the perforation pattern.

38. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 28 wherein the perforation pattern is adapted to present a stereo image to the observer from a viewing position.

39. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 28 wherein the perforation pattern is adapted to present to the user an image which differs per angle of view.

40. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 39 wherein the angle of the perforations to the main plane of the document increase as the distance to the center of the perforation pattern increases.

41. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 31 wherein the cross-section of the perforation pattern in its transverse plane is unequal to a circle.

42. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 31 wherein a code is concealed in the representation of an image.

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43. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 31 wherein an intermediate layer ¹¹² with an ink is arranged in the carrier.

44. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 43 wherein the ink is only visible ink in UV light.

45. (currently amended) Document as claimed in claim 31 wherein the perforation is arranged in a protected element mounted on the carrier, such as an optically variable element.

46. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 31 wherein the image represented by the perforation pattern corresponds with an image applied by means of graphic techniques, laser engraving technique or a photo, characterized in that wherein both images coincide.

47. (previously added) Document as claimed in claim 46 wherein the images are personalized.

48. (previously added) Method for arranging a perforation pattern in a forge-proof document comprising a security feature in the form of a perforation pattern which displays gray tones when viewed against a bright background, the method comprising the following steps:

arranging the document to be provided of a perforation pattern in a position in which it can be irradiated by a laser source; and

irradiating the document by a laser source which is controlled to obtain a first image in the document wherein:

amending the relative position of the document and the laser source; and

subsequently irradiating the document by said laser source which is controlled to obtain a second image.

49. (previously added) Method for arranging a perforation pattern in a forge-proof document comprising a security feature in the form of a perforation pattern which displays gray tones when viewed against a bright background, the method comprising the following steps:

arranging the document to be provided of a perforation pattern in a position in which it can be irradiated by a laser source; and

irradiating the document by a laser source which is controlled to obtain a first image in the document wherein:

the laser source is programmed to apply a perforation pattern comprising perforations of which the cross-section in the transverse plane of the perforation pattern is unequal to a circle.

50. (previously added) Method for arranging a perforation pattern in a forge-proof document comprising a security feature in the form of a perforation pattern which displays gray tones when viewed against a bright background, the method comprising the following steps:

applying a foil on the document to be provided of a perforation pattern;

arranging the document in a position in which it can be irradiated by a laser source; and

irradiating the document by a laser source which is controlled to obtain a first image in the document wherein:

subsequently the document is subjected to a vapor deposition process; and

finally the foil is removed from the document.